MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: In 1096, medicines to the value of Rs. 83,392-15-14 were purchased from Europe and of Rs. 1,13,366-14-15 (including Rs. 24,467-21-4, the value of the quinine received from the Madras Cinchona Department) from India.

The officer in charge of the medical stores has certified to the quality of the drugs purchased locally.

ADMISSION OF ALL CLASSES TO THE TRIVANDRUM RAILWAY SATROM.

52. MR. N. KUMARAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Trivandrum Railway Satrom is open to all classes of His Highness' subjects;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, the ground on which this satrom is reserved for a few classes;

(*c*) whether its maintenance is charged to public revenues and, if so, what is the amount spent on it; and

(*d*) if the satrom cannot be thrown open to all classes, whether the Government will take up the question of providing another satrom near by for all classes?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) & (*b*) The Railway Satrom at Trivandrum has not been constructed at Government cost and it is open to caste Hindus only.

(*c*) The maintenance of the satrom is charged to Panivagai.

(*d*) The matter will be considered.

JAGGERY ARRACK MANUFACTURED IN THE NAGERCOIL DISTILLERY.

53. MR. PAUL V. DANIEL: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the jaggery arrack manufactured in the Nagercoil Distillery was ever subjected to chemical analysis and, if so, with what results?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: This was subjected to chemical analysis and was found to contain no deleterious matter.

ALLEPPEY-SHERTALLAI CANAL.

54. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the following particulars concerning the Alleppey-Shertallai canal:

(1) the number of miles of canal opened at each end;

(2) the cost incurred in opening them;

(3) the cost estimated at the outset for opening the whole canal;

(4) the cost now estimated for opening the remaining portion;

(5) the number of years required for completing the work;

(6) the estimated cost of maintenance per mile;

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